

**What is claimed is:**

1. An improved firearm comprising:
  - (a) a grip;
  - (b) a forwardly extending barrel;
  - (c) a carriage comprising:
    - (i) a trigger assembly; and
    - (ii) a hammer;
  - (d) a release, coupled for pivotable movement relative to said carriage; and
  - (e) a catch provided on said release.
2. The improved firearm of Claim 1, wherein said carriage is pivotably coupled to the firearm;
3. The improved firearm of Claim 2, further comprising a firing pin coupled to said carriage.
4. The improved firearm of Claim 3, further comprising means for biasing said catch into engagement with said firing assembly.
5. The improved firearm of Claim 4, wherein said biasing means is a torsion spring.
6. The improved firearm of Claim 5, further comprising means for preventing said release from pivoting through three hundred and sixty degrees of rotation.
7. The improved firearm of Claim 1, further comprising means for biasing said catch into engagement with said firing assembly.
8. The improved firearm of Claim 7, further comprising means for preventing said release from pivoting through three hundred and sixty degrees of rotation.

9. An improved action in a firearm having a grip and a forwardly extending barrel, the improvement comprising:

- (a) a frame;
- (b) a carriage at least partially contained within said frame comprising:
  - (i) a hammer;
  - (ii) a trigger;
- (c) means for holding said carriage at least partially within said frame;
- (d) means for maintaining said securing means in engagement with said frame and for securing said carriage at least partially within said frame.

10. The improved action in a firearm of Claim 9, further comprising a pin secured to said frame and wherein said holding means is means for coacting with said pin.

11. The improved action in a firearm of Claim 10, wherein said maintaining means is a release pivotably coupled to said frame.

12. The improved action in a firearm of Claim 11, wherein said release is provided with a carriage catch.

13. The improved action in a firearm of Claim 12, further comprising means for biasing said carriage catch into engagement with said carriage.

14. The improved action in a firearm of Claim 9, wherein said maintaining means is a release pivotably coupled to said frame.

15. The improved action in a firearm of Claim 14, wherein said release is provided with a carriage catch.

16. The improved action in a firearm of Claim 15, further comprising means for biasing said carriage catch into engagement with said carriage.

17. The improved action in a firearm of Claim 9, further comprising a primer pocket provided on said carriage.

18. An improved action in a firearm having a grip and a forwardly extending barrel, the improvement comprising:

- (a) a frame;
- (b) a carriage provided within said frame and pivotably coupled to said frame, said carriage comprising:
  - (i) a hammer;
  - (ii) a trigger;
  - (iii) a sear.
- (c) a release lever having a catch; and
- (d) means for biasing said release lever into engagement with said carriage with sufficient force to maintain said carriage at least partially within said frame.

19. The improved action in a firearm of Claim 18, wherein said biasing means is a torsion spring.

20. The improved action in a firearm of Claim 18, wherein said release lever is pivotably secured to said frame.